

life practices. I urge you and all of my colleagues to join me in wishing Bethel United Methodist Church a most joyful and rewarding 100th anniversary, and all of the blessings for many, many more successful years.

U.S. DAVY CROCKETT TURNS
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HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 7, 1995

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, our lives have all been affected by heroes of one kind or another. I rise today to pay tribute to one of those heroes who throughout his life has tried to vividly bring history to young and old, Mr. Leslie E. Arndt, of Linwood, MI, who will be celebrating his 80th birthday on August 20.

Leslie Arndt has been known to perhaps millions as "U.S. Davy Crockett" for his portrayal of this American hero between 1955 and 1976 in 28 States, Canada, and the 1958 World's Fair in Belgium during a European tour. He was significantly involved in the re-dedication of Fort Davy Crockett, in Colorado in 1959, honored by the Crockett family at the Alamo that same year, and is an honorary member of the National Descendants of David Crockett.

His love of history of and his dealing with people have been a life-long passion. As an author of three books—with a fourth coming soon—detailing the history of Bay County, MI, his home county and mine, he has helped many understand the important part that history plays in all of our lives.

He also made his own history, serving as founder of the world's first charted community People-to-People chapter in Bay City in 1961,

following a program set up by President Eisenhower at a White House conference in 1955. He has also led delegations to give sister cities in Belgium, Germany, Poland, Togo, and Ontario, a better appreciation for what Bay City is all about. And he made sure the people of Bay City got the correct information by working with the editorial Department of the Bay City Times for 30 years as both as copy editor and Saturday columnist.

His granddaughter, Michelle White, tells me she is very proud of her grandfather. She has every reason to be. A man who gives of himself to help others learn and to help others smile is a real treasure. I urge you, Mr. Speaker, and all of our colleagues to join me in wishing Leslie Arndt a most joyous 80th birthday, with the fondest wishes for many, many more.